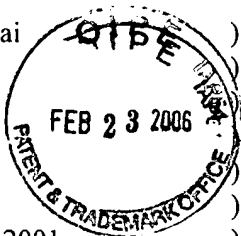


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryoichi Mukai)
 Serial No.: 10/008,713)
 Conf. No.: 5134)
 Filed: December 7, 2001)
 For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,)
 METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
 THE SAME MEDIUM AND)
 MAGNETIC DISC DRIVE)
 Art Unit: 1773)
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 60.00
 () By other than a small entity \$ 120.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

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 (X) By other than a small entity \$ 1,020.00

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() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 795.00
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Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$1,080.00
 () By other than a small entity \$2,160.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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